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FEDERAL INMATE SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF WEAPON

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Flavio Pelayo-Torres, 42, Federal Correctional Complex, Terre Haute, Indiana was sentenced to 30 months in prison today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to possessing contraband in prison, announced Timothy M. Morrison, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Pelayo-Torres is an inmate housed at the United States Penitentiary component of Federal Correctional Complex, Terre Haute. On April 20, 2009, Pelayo-Torres and other inmates were subjected to searches following the discovery by officers of a homemade weapon in the housing unit where Pelayo-Torres was assigned. The officer searching Pelayo-Torres located a weapon hidden in the waistline of the inmate's pants. The weapon was a metal object, approximately 8 inches in length, sharpened to a point, with cloth attached to the opposite end to serve as a handle.

At his subsequent disciplinary hearing, and in a later statement to the case agent, Pelayo-Torres admitted possession of the weapon.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed three years supervised release following Pelayo-Torres's release from prison. Pelayo-Torres is subject to deportation to Mexico following his release.

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